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~~SECRET SPOKE~~ USM-808 FOLLOW-UP NR 1 TO USA-32 CRITIC 12-68 REFLECTIONS OF
 AIRCRAFT SHOOTDOWNS POSSIBLY OVER LAOS COMMUNICATIONS OBSERVED AT 0429Z ON 25
 DECEMBER BETWEEN TWO UNIDENTIFIED PROBABLE REAR SERVICE ELEMENTS POSSIBLY
 EMANATING FROM LAOS HAVE DISCLOSED THE SHOOT-DOWN OF TWO AIRCRAFT ON 24 AND 25
 DECEMBER. THE ORIGINATOR OF THE MESSAGE INDICATED THAT THE FIRST OF THE TWO
 AIRCRAFT (TYPE UNKNOWN) HAD ARRIVED "YESTERDAY AFTERNOON" (24 DECEMBER) AND THE
 SECOND, A HELICOPTER, "THIS MORNING" (25 DECEMBER). THE ORIGINATOR FURTHER
 REPORTED THAT A MAN WAS CLIMBING A LADDER SUSPENDED FROM THE HELICOPTER WHEN
 THE AIRCRAFT WAS FIRED UPON AND SHOT DOWN. APPARENTLY THE FIRST AIRCRAFT WAS
 SHOT DOWN ON 24 DECEMBER AND THE HELICOPTER WAS ALSO SHOT DOWN ON THE MORNING
 OF 25 DECEMBER IN WHAT WAS TO HAVE BEEN A RESCUE ATTEMPT. NO INFORMATION WAS
 DISCLOSED AS TO THE CURRENT DCPOSITION OF PERSONNEL ABOARD EITHER OF THE TWO
 AIRCRAFT ALTHOUGH THE ORIGINATOR OF THE MESSAGE REPORTED THAT "NO RESCUE WAS
 POSSIBLE" 250 NNNN

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